BIOLOGICAL SAMPLE TAG

General instructions for filling out biological sample tags:

- The purpose of biological sample tags is to provide a sturdy label for biological samples collected (i.e. vertebrae, finclip, head), excluding otolith and scale age structures.
- Each sample should be bagged separately, unless otherwise instructed, and have its own tag.
- If several samples from one animal are collected, or numerous vertebrae from one haul are obtained, each separately bagged sample may be placed in a larger bag for ease in transporting and tracking samples. The larger bag should be tagged as well and all of the appropriate samples indicated.
- A permanent marker should be used to complete the tag.
- If an entire marine mammal is retained, a biological sample tag should be completed and attached to the animal's lower jaw or caudal peduncle in addition to the yellow carcass tag.
- If an entire turtle is retained, a biological sample tag should be completed and attached to the animal's flipper, in addition to tagging the rear flipper with one Inconel tag.
- All protected species samples must be double bagged and double tagged.

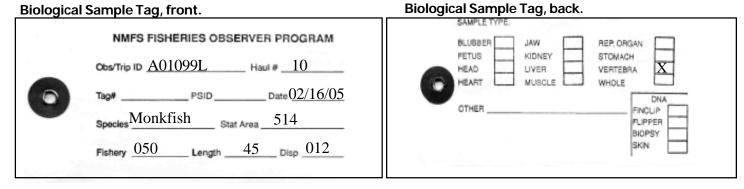


Figure 20. Biological Tag illustration